

REMARKS

Claims 1-4, and 6-15 are pending in this application with claims 1, 6 and 9 being amended, and claim 5 being cancelled by this response. Claims 5 and 6 has been indicated as allowable if placed in Independent form and claims 7-12 have also been indicated as allowable. Claim 5 has been cancelled and its limitations placed in Independent claim 1. Claim 6 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 1. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1 and 6 are now allowable. Claims 7-12 are dependent on either claim 1 or 6 and thus are also allowable. All remaining claims are also dependent on either claim 1 or 6 and thus, it is respectfully submitted that these claims are also allowable.

Objection to the Abstract

The Abstract is objected to as not being in the proper language and format. The abstract has been amended in accordance with the comments of the Examiner to be in the proper language and format. In view of the above remarks and the amendments to the Abstract, it is respectfully submitted that this objection is satisfied and should be withdrawn.

Rejection of claims 1-4 and 13 under 35 USC 102(b)

Claims 1-4 and 13 are rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Parmater. Claim 5 has been indicated as allowable. Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 5 and thus is also allowable. Claim 5 has been canceled. Claims 2-4 and 13 are dependent on claim 1 and thus are likewise allowable. In view of the amendments to claim 1, the cancellation of claim 5 and the dependence of claims 2-4 and 13 on claim 1, it is respectfully submitted that this rejection is satisfied and should be withdrawn.

Rejection of claims 14 and 15 under 35 USC 103(a)

Claims 14 and 15 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Parmater in view of Gehrke. Claim 5 has been indicated as allowable. Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 5 and thus is also allowable. Claim 5 has been canceled. Claims 14 and 15 are dependent on claim 1 and thus are likewise allowable. In view of the amendments to claim 1, the cancellation of claim 5 and the dependence of claims 14 and 15 on claim 1, it is respectfully submitted that this rejection is satisfied and should be withdrawn.

In view of the above remarks and amendments to the claims, it is respectfully submitted that the rejections made in this Office Action have been satisfied and should be withdrawn. As all claims now pending are allowable, it is respectfully requested that this application now be allowed to issue.

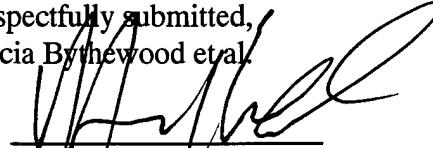
Should the Examiner consider necessary or desirable any formal changes anywhere in the specification, claims and/or drawings, then it is respectfully asked that such changes be made by Examiner's amendment, if the Examiner feels this would facilitate passage of the case to issuance.

Alternatively, should the Examiner have any questions, comments, or feel that a personal discussion might be helpful in advancing this case to allowance and issuance, he is cordially invited to contact Mr. Michael Kroll, Esq. at 171 Stillwell Lane, Syosset, New York 11791, telephone number (516) 367-7777, so that the present application can receive an early notice of allowance. The address and telephone number for Michael I. Kroll stated above is as listed on the original Power of Attorney.

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